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State, Local, and Community Leaders,

Thank you for joining today's briefing call. If you have any questions not answered on today's call, please do not hesitate to reach out to the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs or Office of Public Liaison.

Below you will find a [fact sheet](#) from the White House including several statistics mentioned in today's briefing call. You can find more information on President's Trump's commitment to end America's opioid crisis [here](#).

**Fact Sheet – President Donald J. Trump's Fight Against the Opioid Epidemic Continues to Help Americans Around the Country**

*"Together, we will defeat this epidemic – it's a true epidemic – as one people, one family, and one magnificent nation under God." – President Donald J. Trump*

**MAKING PROGRESS: On the one-year anniversary of the launch of President Donald J. Trump's initiative to tackle the driving forces of the Opioid Crisis, progress has been made.**

- One year ago, President Trump unveiled his Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse, a first-of-its-kind effort to draw out the factors fueling the opioid crisis and make real change.
- Since the launch of the initiative, the Administration has unveiled numerous programs designed to reduce opioid demand, cut off the flow of illicit drugs, and save lives.
  - The programs span the breadth of the Federal Government from health-directed initiatives in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to law enforcement activities in the Department of Justice (DOJ).
- The President has secured \$6 billion in new funding over two years to fight opioid abuse, and the Administration has awarded \$1.5 billion for State Opioid Response grants.
  - This money funds vital programs throughout the Federal Government, as well as directly supporting State and local initiatives to address the opioid crisis in our communities.
  - The DOJ has awarded more than \$400 million to support treatment, prevention, and domestic law enforcement efforts.

- In total, President Trump and his Administration are committed to addressing the opioid epidemic and solving this public health crisis in partnership with State, local, and tribal leaders.
- The President has provided local teams of experts to assist States and providers with training and education on how best to address the crisis in their State.

**CUTTING OFF THE SUPPLY: In the past year, the Administration has taken action to target the international and domestic suppliers of illicit opioids.**

- Key to President Trump's opioid initiative was his crack-down on the illicit suppliers of dangerous drugs like fentanyl, both in the United States and abroad.
- Thanks to the President's efforts to improve border security, officials have prevented thousands of pounds of fentanyl from entering America.
  - In FY 2018, at the southern border alone, between ports of entry, Customs and Border Protection seized enough fentanyl to kill nearly 90 million Americans.
- In America, the DOJ shut down the country's biggest Darknet distributor of drugs, seizing more than 4.8 kilograms of drugs and enough fentanyl to kill 105,000 Americans.
  - The DOJ has also worked diligently to increase indictments against dealers of illicit drugs and has targeted seizures in areas hit hardest by the opioid crisis.
  - The President supports strengthening criminal penalties and invoking mandatory minimums for drug dealers knowingly distributing lethal amounts of opioids.
- According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), from 2017 to the present, more than 16,000 kilograms of heroin and nearly 5,000 kilograms of fentanyl have been seized in the United States.
- President Trump's leadership on DEA's National Take Back Days shattered records, recovering nearly 3.7 million pounds of unused prescription drugs.
- More illicit shipments of drugs are being stopped through the mail than before.
  - From FY 2016 to FY 2018, postal inspectors achieved a 1000 percent increase in international parcel seizures and a 750 percent increase in domestic parcel seizures related to synthetic opioids.
- The DOJ is tackling the prescription opioid crisis by expanding fraud and abuse detection while also holding manufacturers accountable.

**REDUCING DEMAND: Along with cutting down on the supply of opioids, the Administration has made great strides in reducing demand in the United States.**

- The Administration is helping to educate millions of Americans about the dangers of opioid misuse and is working to curb over-prescription.
- Thanks to the Trump Administration's partnership with the Truth Initiative and Ad Council, 58 percent of young American and 1.4 billion viewers have seen ads highlighting the dangers of opioids.
  - In the President's first year in office, 107,000 fewer adolescents started misusing prescription painkillers and 68 percent fewer Americans over the age of 26 began using heroin than in the previous year.
- New efforts within the Trump Administration are resulting in a decline of opioid prescribing nationwide.
- The Administration issued the highest number of Drug-Free Communities Support Program grants in the program's 20-year history, providing more than \$90 million to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among local partners to prevent youth substance use.

**HELPING AMERICANS RECOVER: President Trump and his Administration are helping individuals afflicted by drug addiction throughout the country.**

- President Trump knows that without assisting Americans struggling with addiction, efforts to cut off supply and demand will be in vain.
- To that end, the Trump Administration has taken steps to expand the supply of lifesaving naloxone to first responders nationwide.
- The Trump Administration is working to expand access to evidenced-based addiction treatments in every State and to our Nation's veterans.
- Reforms to the criminal justice system are being made in order to identify and treat offenders already struggling with addiction.
  - The Administration increased funding for drug courts by 53 percent.

- The Administration is providing State and local leaders with data to help coordinate and optimize efforts to combat addiction and overdose.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development has utilized its homeless service programs to treat substance abuse disorders throughout the Nation.
- Additionally, President Trump's workforce development efforts are expanding job retraining and apprenticeships to those recovering from drug addiction.

**Photo: A lethal dose of fentanyl compared to the size of a penny**



*Photo courtesy of CBP*

You can find this photo to use on the White House [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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**White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

State and Local Elected Officials and Leaders,

Thank you for joining us for the **White House Improving Infrastructure Listening Session Call**. We appreciate your time and input.

As many of you may be aware, the White House has and continues to have unprecedented, bipartisan outreach and engagement with America's mayors, county commissioners, state legislators, and other local leaders. Nothing exemplifies this more than our **State Leadership Days initiative**. Initiated with President Donald J. Trump's inauguration in 2017, this unprecedented, bipartisan initiative welcomed local elected officials and other invited guests from all 50 states to the White House for briefings and discussion with senior administration officials. Every county executive – ranging from commissioners to supervisors – in the country was extended an invitation. More than 2,000 attended along with over 1,700 city officials, law enforcement, state legislators and other invited guests. The discussion was designed to improve the Federal-State-Local relationship and focused on shared priorities, including economic and workforce development, rural prosperity, housing accessibility, improving infrastructure, and combating the opioid epidemic. The response was overwhelmingly positive (see [Support for the Trump Administration's Unprecedented Outreach to State and Local Leaders](#)).

Below you will find follow-up information from the call, including on infrastructure (transportation) grants, ongoing efforts to streamline the infrastructure permitting process, investment in rural America, and disaster resiliency. Please note the information on the Rural Broadband Pilot Program and the Community Connect Grants administered by USDA.

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**I. Developing America's Infrastructure – BUILD Grants**

There is a lot of need for investments in infrastructure around the country. And so there is a lot of enthusiasm for the **Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development**, or BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant program. Previously known as Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grants, the program provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives.

The number of applications for BUILD grants doubled in 2018. Of those, the number of applications for projects in rural areas increased 136 percent. 60 percent of the applications were for projects in rural areas. Over \$1 billion of this BUILD funding will be distributed to 60 road projects. Historically, in this program 40 percent has gone to road projects. In this round, 69 percent of the funds will go to road projects.

Prior to this Administration, only 21 percent of the funding in this infrastructure program — which dates back to 2009 — was awarded to rural areas. In the Department's selections in FY2017 and 2018, an effort was made to re-balance the under-investment in rural communities — to address overlooked needs. And so, in the last round of the BUILD program, in which 60 percent of the applications were for rural projects, 62 projects were awarded to rural areas. As a result, more rural communities will benefit from significant improvements in access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation.

A number of these projects in rural areas will also concurrently support installation of broadband infrastructure — which is critical to economic competitiveness in the 21st century. Broadband access is something probably everyone in this room takes for granted and can hardly imagine being without. But for millions of Americans in rural areas, broadband is a modern marvel still, literally, out of reach.

More information on the BUILD Grants can be found [here](#).

## **II. Streamlining the Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects**

Before construction can begin on an infrastructure project, it typically must comply with numerous Federal statutes overseen by multiple Federal agencies, making for a lengthy review process. In August 2017, President Donald Trump signed Executive Order 13807 addressing the need for a coordinated, predictable, and transparent Federal environmental review and authorization process for infrastructure projects while protecting public health, safety, and the environment. You can find the text of the Executive Order ([here](#)) and a White House Fact Sheet ([here](#)).

The order uses three key tools to improve the permitting process:

- One Federal Decision — project sponsor concerns in navigating the Federal bureaucracy are addressed through a One Federal Decision (OFD) policy. Under OFD, a designated lead Federal agency works with other relevant cooperating Federal agencies to complete a single record of decision.
- A Predictable Schedule — each major infrastructure project will have a permitting timetable for environmental reviews and authorizations, and agencies will be held accountable to those timetables through performance measures and financial penalties. This will provide greater predictability to project sponsors and potential investors as to when a project review will be completed.
- Shorter Review Times — the order establishes an average two-year goal across all agencies to process environmental reviews and authorizations for major infrastructure projects.

To comply with Executive Order 13807, on March 20, 2018, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) signed a Memorandum titled “One Federal



Decision Framework for the Environmental Review and Authorization Process for Major Infrastructure Projects under Executive Order 13807.” The MOU can be found [here](#). CEQ is the primary entity within the Executive Office of the President tasked with ensuring Federal agencies meet their obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). More information on CEQ can be found [here](#). Pursuant to that Memorandum, federal agencies signed a subsequent MOU, which was announced on April 9, 2018. The MOU can be found [here](#). Signatories to the MOU include the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, Energy, and Homeland Security, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council.

For larger projects covered by FAST-41 and specific questions regarding permitting for infrastructure projects, please refer to the **Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council** (FPISC) website at <https://www.permits.performance.gov>. Created under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (**FAST**) Act, the Council is composed of agency Deputy Secretary-level members and chaired by an Executive Director appointed by the President. FAST-41 establishes new procedures that standardize interagency consultation and coordination practices. Importantly, FAST-41 creates a new authority for agencies to issue regulations for the collection of fees, which, if implemented, will allow the Council to direct resources to critical functions within the interagency review process. FAST-41 codifies into law the use of the Permitting Dashboard to track project timelines. Other FAST Act provisions that address the project delivery process and track environmental review and permitting milestones for transportation projects are set out in Title I and Title IX. Project sponsor participation in FAST-41 is voluntarily.”

### **III. Investing in Rural America**

#### ***Rural Development***

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the **Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity** to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force’s findings to the president. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure, and increasing coordination of existing resources through partnerships and innovation are key recommendations of the task force.

To view the report in its entirety, please view the [Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity](#). In addition, to view the categories of the recommendations, please view the [Rural Prosperity infographic](#). More information on the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity can be found [here](#).

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).

#### ***Rural Broadband***

In his State of the Union address, President Trump promised to “deliver new and important infrastructure investment, including investments in the cutting edge industries of the future.” The need for infrastructure investment is particularly strong in rural America, [where over 39 percent of](#)

[Americans lack a sufficient broadband connection.](#) To that end, the Trump Administration has been working to close this gap between urban and rural areas.

The [Department of Commerce](#) and [USDA](#) recently released the [American Broadband Initiative Milestones Report](#), which outlines the Trump Administration's vision and actions to increase broadband access across rural America. More than [20 agencies](#) are working together on this initiative to remove barriers, streamline processes, and use Federal funds to improve broadband availability and access. Among the key actions that the Administration is taking are (i) Preparing to deploy \$600 million on an rural broadband pilot program (*more information below*), (ii) Mapping more than 7,000 Interior Department towers across America to help providers expand broadband service, and (iii) Streamlining the federal permitting process to develop broadband infrastructure.

More information about this report and what the Trump Administration is doing to expand rural broadband access is below.

- **USDA:** [Secretary Perdue Statement on the American Broadband Initiative Milestones Report](#)
- **Commerce Department:** [Department of Commerce Joins Government-Wide Initiative to Facilitate Broadband Deployment](#)
- **Interior Department:** [Interior Launches New Effort to Facilitate Broadband Development in Rural America](#)

#### *More on the Rural Broadband Pilot Program*

In December, USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is offering up to \$600 million in loans and grants to help build broadband infrastructure in rural America. Telecommunications companies, rural electric cooperatives and utilities, internet service providers and municipalities may apply for funding through USDA's new ReConnect Program to connect rural areas that currently have insufficient broadband service.

USDA will make available approximately \$200 million for grants (applications due to USDA by April 29), as well as \$200 million for loan and grant combinations (applications due May 29), and \$200 million for low-interest loans (applications due by June 28). For additional information, see page 64315 of the Dec. 14 [Federal Register](#) (PDF, 255 KB).

For more information, please visit USDA's [ReConnect Loan and Grant Program](#). You can find information there on how to apply for grants, eligible applicants, etc.

#### *More on Community Connect Grants*

In addition to the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program, USDA also offers other grant programs, like Community Connect Grants, designed to help fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service. More information on Community Connect Grants can be found [here](#). Note that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will host webinars focused on the Community Connect Grant Program on February 26th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm EST and March 7th from 10:00 to 11:00 am EST. For more information see the [Webinar flyer](#).

## **IV. Promoting Resiliency**

The Administration understands how important it is to develop a continuously adaptive and holistic approach to mitigation and resilience. In the face of the most complex and dynamic threats that the nation has seen in decades, it is imperative that we be able to anticipate potential disruptions and adapt to them before they cause harm to Americans. Having just endured two of the worst years for

natural disasters on record, we are faced with the effort of rebuilding disaster impacted communities in a way that will mitigate potential harm for decades to come. To do so, we must harness the remarkable capabilities of our public, private, and non-governmental sectors towards a shared purpose of enhanced resilience while leveraging the resolve of the American people, using American materials, and American labor.

State and local governments are uniquely equipped to be a galvanizing force towards this goal. It will require foresight and planning to understand how to engage their communities in long term efforts addressing a variety of risks they face.

By promoting Pre-Disaster Mitigation and signing the Disaster Recovery Reform Act into law, a deliberate approach of addressing our vulnerabilities before disasters strike was made by President Trump.



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### **White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

On behalf of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, I wanted to share with you information on the **U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)**. The USMCA fulfills President Trump's promise to deliver a renegotiated NAFTA trade deal that will benefit America's workers, manufactures, farmers, and businesses. Below you will find more information on how the USMCA will benefit your states and communities.

As an introduction, I did want to highlight recent remarks from USTR Ambassador C.J. Mahoney at the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in January 2019. **You can find Ambassador Mahoney's remarks here (15:50 mark): [USTR Ambassador Mahoney at the U.S. Conference of Mayors](#).**

**As local elected officials, we welcome your thoughts and comments on the USMCA, and how the agreement will be beneficial to your communities.**

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## **The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)**

### **I. Remarks from by President Donald Trump and Senior Administration Officials on the Signing of the USMCA (November 30, 2018)**

- [Remarks by President Donald Trump, Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, and President Pena Nieto of Mexico at Signing Ceremony for the USMCA](#)

- [Statement of U.S. Department of the Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin on the Signing of the USMCA](#)
- [Statement of U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Secretary Sonny Perdue on Signing of USMCA](#)

## **II. Key Wins in the USMCA**

- [Incentivize Billions in New Auto Production](#)
- [Increase Market Access for America's Farmers and Ranchers](#)
- [Install New Protections to Safeguard America's Intellectual Property Against Foreign Competitors](#)
- [Create a New Chapter to Benefit America's Small and Medium Sized Businesses](#)

## **III. State-Specific Fact Sheets on the Benefits of the USMCA to States and Communities**

- [USTR State Fact Sheet](#)
- [USDA State Fact Sheet](#)

## **IV. Full Text of the Agreement**

- To view the full text of the agreement between the United States, Mexico and Canada signed on November 30, 2018, [click here](#).

## **V. Statements of Support from State and Local Leaders**

- Governor Burgum (R-ND), USMCA Comes Through for ND ([read here](#))
- Agriculture Commissioner Quarles (KY), USMCA must be passed to protect, expand market access for American agriculture ([read here](#))
- Former Lt. Governor Sanchez (R-NM), New trade agreement bodes well for New Mexico ([read here](#))
- Mayor Sandy Stimpson (R, Mobile, AL), Tweet ([read here](#))

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## **The United States Signs a Stronger Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada**

*"This new deal will be the most modern, up-to-date, and balanced trade agreement in the history of our country, with the most advanced protections for workers ever developed."* – President Donald J. Trump

### **REBALANCING OUR TRADE RELATIONSHIP: President Donald J. Trump kept his promise to deliver a modern and rebalanced trade deal to replace NAFTA.**

- Today in Argentina, the United States is joining Canada and Mexico to sign a new trade agreement that will better serve the interests of American workers and businesses.
  - This follows the President's announcement in October that a deal had been reached.
- The new United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA) will replace the outdated, failed North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).
- With the signing of this agreement, President Trump has delivered on his promise to renegotiate NAFTA and protect American farmers, ranchers, businesses, and workers.

**SECURING A STRONGER DEAL FOR AMERICAN INDUSTRIES AND WORKERS:  
USMCA is a stronger deal for American farmers, ranchers, businesses, and workers.**

- USMCA will help incentivize billions of dollars in additional vehicle and auto parts production in the United States.
- The agreement includes updated rules of origin that require 75 percent of auto content to be produced in North America.
- American autoworkers will benefit from rules that incentivize the use of high-wage manufacturing labor in the auto sector.
  - This includes a requirement that 40-45% of a vehicle consist of content manufactured by North American workers making at least \$16 per hour.
- USMCA's labor and environment chapters are fully enforceable and represent the strongest labor and environmental provisions of any trade agreement ever negotiated.
  - Mexico agreed to historic labor reforms to provide for genuine collective bargaining.
  - The agreement prohibits the importation of goods produced by forced labor.
- The agreement includes provisions that allow agriculture products to be traded more fairly.
  - Canada will end its "Class 6" and "Class 7" programs that allow low-priced dairy products to undersell American dairy producers.
  - Canada will increase market access for United States dairy products, eggs, and poultry.

**REFORMING TRADE FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY: USMCA modernizes our trade relationship with Canada and Mexico to reflect the realities of the 21st century.**

- The new agreement includes a modernized chapter that provides stronger and more comprehensive intellectual property protections than any prior United States trade agreement.
  - These protections are vital to promoting innovation and economic growth.
  - USMCA includes robust copyright protection, 10 years of data protection for biologic drugs, and new protections against the theft of trade secrets.
- USMCA includes the strongest digital trade and financial services provisions of any United States trade agreement.
  - New rules ensure that data can be transferred cross-border and that limits on where data can be stored are minimized.
- USMCA will cut red tape at the border, streamline trade, and reduce regulatory uncertainty.
- The agreement includes a currency chapter that will help reinforce transparency and stability.

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Will do – will send you a recent email on the USMCA we are hoping Orange County will engage on.

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**WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

*Conference Call – Wednesday, February 20 – 4:00 p.m.*

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs invites you to join listening session on improving infrastructure on **Wednesday, February 20 at 4:00PM EST** with Senior Administration Officials. The purpose of this call is to hear from state and local elected officials about infrastructure priorities and ways to improve our nation's infrastructure. More information can be found below.

**Improving Infrastructure Listening Session Call**

- **Date:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019
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### **REBUILDING AMERICA: PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP URGES BIPARTISAN ACTION TO INVEST IN OUR NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE**

*"We will build gleaming new roads, bridges, highways, railways, and waterways all across our land. And we will do it with American heart, and American hands, and American grit." – President Donald J. Trump*

### **REBUILDING AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE: President Donald J. Trump is calling on Congress to come together and invest in 21st century infrastructure for all Americans.**

- The President urges Congress to pass a bill that delivers new and important infrastructure investment to rebuild our crumbling roads, aging bridges, crowded airports, and other infrastructure.
- Building up and upgrading our infrastructure is key to improving the quality of life for all Americans.
  - Repairing and building new infrastructure will reduce traffic congestion, improve road conditions, and boost commerce across the Nation.
- We must also invest in visionary projects that leverage cutting-edge technologies in order to dominate the industries of the future and lead America into the 21st century.
  - Mastering new technologies such as 5G wireless, advanced manufacturing, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, rural broadband, and more is vital to our future.
- We must work to promote efficient permitting processes for infrastructure projects so a six-month project does not turn into a ten-year odyssey.
  - Efficient permitting is especially critical for energy infrastructure and the ability of Americans to access reliable, affordable, and domestically-produced energy.

### **STATE OF DISREPAIR: The President supports bipartisan action to fix our infrastructure.**

- The American people deserve a modern transportation system that reduces traffic, cuts down on commute time, and is safer and more reliable.
  - World Economic Forum's most recent Global Competitiveness Report ranked America's overall infrastructure 9th in the world and the quality of its roads 11th.
- Every day, tens of millions of Americans drive across structurally deficient and aging bridges.
  - More than 50,000 American bridges are rated as "structurally deficient."
  - Around 4 in 10 American bridges are more than 50 years old.
- Many roads Americans depend on are overcrowded and in poor condition.
  - One out of every five miles of highway pavement is in poor condition.
  - More than two out of every five miles of our urban interstates are congested.
- The seaports and inland waterways that facilitate commerce and transport American goods require continued investment.
  - Many of our ports will require additional improvements to support larger cargo ships.
  - Locks and dams on high-traffic inland waterways need investment.
- Rural Americans are being left behind as a result of outdated infrastructure.
  - Eighty percent of Americans that lack sufficient broadband access live in rural areas.

**RESOUNDING PUBLIC SUPPORT: The American people know full well the state of our infrastructure, and public polling shows they resoundingly support increased investment.**

- Seventy-nine percent of Americans say increasing infrastructure investment should be an "extremely important" priority for the new Congress, according to a recent *Politico* poll.
- More than 70 percent of Americans support increasing Federal investment for roads, bridges, mass transit, and other infrastructure, according to a February 2018 *YouGov* poll.
- Ninety-three percent of rural Americans say investing in infrastructure is important to creating jobs in their community, according to a *Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation* poll.

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**REBUILDING AMERICA: PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP URGES BIPARTISAN ACTION TO INVEST IN OUR NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE**

*"We will build gleaming new roads, bridges, highways, railways, and waterways all across our land. And we will do it with American heart, and American hands, and American grit." – President Donald J. Trump*

**REBUILDING AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE: President Donald J. Trump is calling on Congress to come together and invest in 21st century infrastructure for all Americans.**

- The President urges Congress to pass a bill that delivers new and important infrastructure investment to rebuild our crumbling roads, aging bridges, crowded airports, and other infrastructure.
- Building up and upgrading our infrastructure is key to improving the quality of life for all Americans.
  - Repairing and building new infrastructure will reduce traffic congestion, improve road conditions, and boost commerce across the Nation.
- We must also invest in visionary projects that leverage cutting-edge technologies in order to dominate the industries of the future and lead America into the 21st century.
  - Mastering new technologies such as 5G wireless, advanced manufacturing, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, rural broadband, and more is vital to our future.
- We must work to promote efficient permitting processes for infrastructure projects so a six-month project does not turn into a ten-year odyssey.
  - Efficient permitting is especially critical for energy infrastructure and the ability of Americans to access reliable, affordable, and domestically-produced energy.

**STATE OF DISREPAIR: The President supports bipartisan action to fix our infrastructure.**

- The American people deserve a modern transportation system that reduces traffic, cuts down on commute time, and is safer and more reliable.
  - World Economic Forum's most recent Global Competitiveness Report ranked America's overall infrastructure 9th in the world and the quality of its roads 11th.
- Every day, tens of millions of Americans drive across structurally deficient and aging bridges.

- More than 50,000 American bridges are rated as “structurally deficient.
- Around 4 in 10 American bridges are more than 50 years old.
- Many roads Americans depend on are overcrowded and in poor condition.
  - One out of every five miles of highway pavement is in poor condition.
  - More than two out of every five miles of our urban interstates are congested.
- The seaports and inland waterways that facilitate commerce and transport American goods require continued investment.
  - Many of our ports will require additional improvements to support larger cargo ships.
  - Locks and dams on high-traffic inland waterways need investment.
- Rural Americans are being left behind as a result of outdated infrastructure.
  - Eighty percent of Americans that lack sufficient broadband access live in rural areas.

**RESOUNDING PUBLIC SUPPORT: The American people know full well the state of our infrastructure, and public polling shows they resoundingly support increased investment.**

- Seventy-nine percent of Americans say increasing infrastructure investment should be an “extremely important” priority for the new Congress, according to a recent *Politico* poll.
- More than 70 percent of Americans support increasing Federal investment for roads, bridges, mass transit, and other infrastructure, according to a February 2018 *YouGov* poll.
- Ninety-three percent of rural Americans say investing in infrastructure is important to creating jobs in their community, according to a *Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation* poll.

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